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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1902.

ABOUT TOWN.

Eggs are selling at 50 cents, Mexican, a dozen.

The city council held a special meeting this afternoon.

Our winter climate is indeed behaving most beautifully.

The schooner C. H. Moore was still aground this morning.

Another hop is in prospect for Friday evening at the opera house.

The schooner, Lake Austin, arrived at Galveston last night.

The Ladies' Enchre Club meets with Mrs. Natanson this afternoon.

A hop will be given at the Administration building in the garison this evening.

Cheap Irish potatoes at W. B. Austin's wholesale grocery—8 cents a pound, while they last.

Silver has taken a slight upward tendency, and American dollars now bring \$2.22 in Mexican coin.

The Rio Grande train left Isabel at 1 p. m., with the remainder of the Simpson freight for Brownsville.

Daniel Buitareira has resigned his position as watchman at the custom house, and Macedonio Garcia takes his place.

Installation of officers of Woodmen of the World tomorrow night and all members are requested to be present.

The schooner Pierce Simpson came up to the wharf this morning and finished discharging. The remainder of her freight is expected up this afternoon.

The "baile de compadres" given by the Casino Matamorense at the opera house in Matamoros Monday evening, is reported as having been very well attended and a brilliant affair.

The Alamo City Commercial College, Winter Term, will open 2-7. Send at once for and full information, Baker & Downey, prox 1229, San Antonio.

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A Curious Plant Sent to San Antonio From Manila—Also Grows In Mexico.

A recent number of the San Antonio Express contained the following article:

City Collector Ed Steves, Friday received a Christmas package from the far Philippines. The sender is Lieut. Col. J. A. Crane. It contained a beautiful pipe made from native wood, and a parcel which Mr. Steves opened with care, having been warned in advance by Colonel Crane.

This parcel contained a large number of spines from a plant which resembles the prickly pear of this section. The peculiarity of this plant, according to Mr. Steves, who is a student of botany, is that the spines fly from it at the near approach of any living thing, and fasten themselves in its flesh. Mr. Steves says the spines will fly at anything that approaches within five feet of them, and that the wounds they inflict are exceedingly painful. He says they do not lose this strange power after they are removed from the plant, and for this reason Colonel Crane warned Mr. Steves to be careful in opening the package, as the spines might fly at him. This is Ed's story of the plant.

One of our readers read the article and speaking to THE HERALD editor on the subject, remarked that he knew where the same plant grows in Mexico, in the vicinity of Reynosa, some sixty miles above Matamoros. A few days ago, the editor received a small square box, with the reader's compliments, labelled "the shooting spear—handle with care."

It was opened, after considerable hesitation, with a pair of tongs and much trepidation, and finally the contents were pulled out on the floor, while the editor dodged behind a chair. It turned out to be several spurs of cactus, covered with spines some of which are about three inches long. They didn't jump, however, though there was some jumping done as they tumbled out on the floor, but it is said that when on the plant they will act just as described by Mr. Steves in the Express.

For a New Federal Court.

According to the Houston Post, a bill is to be introduced in congress creating a new federal district in Texas, to be called the "Southern District," and making four federal districts in the state instead of three as at present. The new district, as proposed by this bill, will include the following named counties: Matagorda, Wharton, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Colorado, Austin, Waller, Harris, Galveston, Chambers, Polk, San Jacinto, Montgomery, Walker, Grimes, Madison, Brazos, Robertson, Leon, Limestone, Freestone, McLennan, Falls, Bells, Coryell, Hamilton, Bosque, Somervell, Hill, Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Jackson, Victoria, Calhoun, Goliad, Refugio, Aransas, San Patricio, Nueces and Liberty.

In so far as the new bill would affect Brownsville, it would leave the three counties now returnable to this place, the same, but would change the date for holding court here to the third Monday in May and the third Monday in December, and also, by cutting these counties off from the San Antonio district, would put us under a different judge, which change would be greatly regretted, as our present judge, Hon. T. S. Maxey, is universally esteemed and beloved in this section. However, it remains to be seen whether this bill will be passed. Another bill, which also places these counties in the Galveston district was introduced at the last session of congress.

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Surprise Party.

A number of friends of Miss Julia Bollack gave her a delightful surprise last evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bollack on 13th street. The party met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George More and went from there in a body to their destination. A band of music was provided by the self invited guests and dancing was the chief feature of the evening. Miss Bollack was quite equal to the occasion, despite the surprise, and entertained her unexpected but none the less welcome guests very successfully. Cake and coffee were served as refreshments.

Those who participated in the event were Mesdames Prior and Sprague; Misses Minnie Havre, Teresa Havre, Samie Kennedy, Helen Kennedy, Anna Kennedy, C. Mayer, Mary More, Maggie Tighman, Pamela Belden, May Seaman, Octavia Seaman, Joanna Farrar, Addie Goodrich, Maudie Layton, Annie Dear and Laura B. Ketter; Messrs. L. H. Bates, Harry and George Wallace, L. Dreyfus, A. Ashheim, E. K. Goodrich, Floyd Layton, E. S. Dougherty, Wilbur Dennett and Edgar Woodhouse.

The Mexican National.

THE HERALD understands that reliable information is received in Matamoros that the Mexican congress has finally approved the concession granted to the Mexican National railroad to build from San Miguel to Monterey, and it is expected that the work will begin shortly. According to the terms of the contract, it is understood, the line must be completed within two years.

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Credit Due Clossner.

The Hidalgo Sentinel of Sunday reports the killing of a cattle thief in that county, which was reported in Saturday's HERALD, and adds: "Much credit is due our efficient Sheriff John Clossner, for the success of this raid. Busy with his sugar farm, as he has been for the last three months, without leaving it a day, he had untiringly planned and waited to fall upon these professional cattle thieves and give them a severe lesson. The night of Dec. 31st, the opportunity was to present itself, and two days before he wired to Rangers Wallace and Layton to be here on the 29th. The rangers arrived here on time and to them and to Deputy Sheriff Valente Rodriguez, Mr. Clossner entrusted the execution of the plans he had so carefully laid out. How well they succeeded, we have seen, and hope that it will be a lesson to lawbreakers and cattle thieves of the community where de Lana lived and paid the penalty of his bad deeds with his life."

PURELY PERSONAL.

Sheriff Clossner returned to Hidalgo by today's train.

Sergt. A. Y. Baker of the State Rangers arrived here last night from Alice to take command of the detachment of rangers stationed here.

Mrs. Pat. Haley of Alice, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Layton, arrived with them and will spend a while with her parents in their new home.

Jesse S. Thornham left this morning, by the Matamoros train, on his return to San Luis Potosi, where he has a responsible position in connection with the mines, after spending the holidays very pleasantly with Mrs. Thornham and the children.

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The Royal Month and the Royal Disease.

Sudden changes of weather are especially trying, and probably to none more so than to the scrofulous and consumptive. The progress of scrofula during a normal October is commonly great. We never think of scrofula—its hunches, eruptions, and wasting of the bodily substance—without thinking of the great good many sufferers from it have derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla, whose radical and permanent cures of this one disease are enough to make it the most famous medicine in the world. There is probably not a city or town where Hood's Sarsaparilla has not proved its merit in more homes than one, in arresting and completely eradicating scrofula, which is almost a serious and as much to be feared as its near relative, consumption.

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